



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

## ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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### Second Sunday of the Year

18 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Kevin O'Shea RIP
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Second Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
20 <sup>th</sup> January	St Sebastian	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Augustine and Priscilla Menezes RIP
21 <sup>st</sup> January	St Agnes	Tuesday			
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Vincent		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Joe and Mairead Scott's Intentions
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Feria	Thursday			
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Faithful Departed
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	L Montgomery RIP and B J Stinnet RIP
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Third Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

**CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm**

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January
Welcomers	Philip and Mich Sturley	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Annie de Kremer and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ed Anderson and Joan Burns (MT)	Ed Anderson and Annie de Kremer
Coffee		Emma McCombie
Flowers	Teresa Thompson	
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth Keogh and Maria Mariott	

NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Ron Streeter and Mich Sturley	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Barbara Black (AW)	Fran Rhowbotham and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Joy Kelly
Flowers	Teresa Thompson	
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth Keogh and Maria Mariott	

**Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.**

Parish Websites	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	<a href="http://www.catholicstamford.com">www.catholicstamford.com</a>
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
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**Please pray for the following who are ill:** *Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke, Elisabeth Simpson, Margaret Stacey, Judy Nash and John Rhodes*

If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list with **their written permission**, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) OR please ask them to complete the form below and return to Maria in the Parish Office. Many thanks.

**Permission form for Sick list**

I give my permission for my name to be published in St Joseph's Newsletter and on their (St Joseph's) website in the Newsletter tab.

Print Name.....  
Signature..... Date.....

**Anniversaries †** *Una Eardley, Walter Poole, Elizabeth Farnworth, Connie Wilson, Isabella Harkin, Ellen Caffrey, Bridget Poole, John O'Brien, Ann Brown, Florence Firth, Michael Farrissey, Marian Kotomski and Christopher Rhodes*

**Parish Office Telephone contact:** For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, or Canon Peter via email. **In the case of an emergency, please ring the office number – the end message will advise you who to contact.**

**Shhhhhh.... Important – please read:** Just a gentle reminder to all. It would be appreciated if you could be quiet in Church before Holy Mass begins and leave the Church quietly after Holy Mass ends. We encourage you to chat with others but please do so once you are outside of the main body of the Church so that you won't disturb others who want to pray. Many thanks for your understanding.

**If you know any parishioners** who are not well, in hospital or need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria know using this email address [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we do not know we cannot help.

**Last week's collection**

Collections	£119.52
Planned Giving and Donations	£667.75
Total	£787.27

**Don't forget** to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. ☕

**Credo Group** The Credo Group - No Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 due to PPC

**Please note:** Canon Peter is at St Joseph's every Monday and celebrates Holy Mass at 10.00 am. He is available after Holy Mass should you want to make an appointment. [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Mobile phones** Could you please ensure that your mobile phone is on silent during Holy Mass. We have placed some notices in the Church porch as a reminder. Thank you.

**Second Collection** There will be a second collection on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, for Sick and Retired Priests, as it was missed last weekend..



**Merger consultation forms.** Please provide your views by Sunday 16th February 2025. Please feel free to either complete the questions, attached with the Newsletter and return to the Parish Office at St Mary & St Augustine, Stamford or St Joseph's, Oakham, or you may wish to respond electronically via the link given below. <https://forms.office.com/e/X1MxrQ3y70> You can of course email your views too. [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) OR [office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Please note** If you are using the **Meeting Room** to attend Holy Mass, **please** ensure that you always supervise your children as it they are in the main body of the Church. Help and guide them to participate with reverence, to learn their faith and to help them grow a deeper understanding of the Holy Mass. Thank you. If you require children's Missals, please have a look in the Repository or contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Aid for Chad and Peru** (reg. no. 328051) A huge thank you for all the amazing donations of clothes and lovely little gifts this last week. All the money raised from their sale will provide essential medicines and food. Sisters Dina in Lima and Sarita in Chad send their warmest thanks to you all.

**English Martyrs School News** We had a wonderful start to the new year in school with a Celebration of the Word for the Feast of the Epiphany. Each class learnt about Epiphany customs from around the world and made a door frame post for good luck.

**Coffee morning date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 9.15- 11.00 am approx. All welcome. There will be activities for preschoolers. Please do pop in and see us; we would love to welcome you to our school.

**Food bank donations:** Thank you so much for your donations to the English Martyrs School Food Bank collection. We will leave the collection box in the church porch for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your continued support.

**Help required!** John Rhodes, a parishioner is currently in hospital at St Luke's, Market Harborough. Would anyone be able to give his wife, Wendy, a lift to see him from time to time? If you are free to help, please reach out to his son, Damian Rhodes: Email: [damian.rhodes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:damian.rhodes@cliftondiocese.com); Mobile: 07309 239234

**Parish Christmas Card** Thank to you the parishioners who signed the Parish Christmas Card and made a donation. We raised £358.16, which will go to Hope in Action – Churches Together.

**The Adult Formation** team has organised a Young Adult (18-35) Retreat Day from 3.00 pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The day comprises Mass, spiritual input, a light supper, and social time. To book your place (including dietary requirements) visit: <https://buy.stripe.com/7sI7t6aJYbCugve14b> or donate on arrival. For further details contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** is the traditionally the day when we pray for those living the Consecrated Life. If you would like to explore what Consecrated Life means, you are invited to join the Sisters in Matlock for a cup of tea and informal chat on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 2.30 and 4.30 pm, at the Presentation Convent, Matlock, DE4 3FT. Just turn up.

**Bishop Patrick** warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00 pm to mark the Jubilee of Marriages. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

**Assisted Suicide Legislation** – what happens next? Bishop John Sherrington writes regarding an update on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, that the next stage is evidence-gathering by the committee examining the Bill, and Bishop John will submit written evidence to that. This committee will examine the Bill in detail, after which it will then return to the floor of the House of Commons for a further substantive vote. This vote will probably take place in late April or early May. The Bill could be defeated in that important division. Individuals and interested organisations can submit written evidence to the committee, and further details can be found at [www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/)

**An exciting opportunity** has arisen at All Saints, West Nottingham parish for a part-time parish administrator, working 10 hours per week (Mondays and Fridays). For more details see the poster; the closing date for applications is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**Holy Mass Streaming Service** If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Parish Office via email [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01572 722308.

**Parish Groups – HELP** HELP is a group to support Parishioners. A lot of our parishioners are elderly now and probably feeling very lonely and some might even be housebound. Not being able to get out or see anybody also affects their mental health. So we can offer to visit or make a telephone call. Knowing that you have made a difference can be very satisfying. Also, if someone is looking after a loved one and needs a break, we can offer to stay with that person. We can also help with housework, shopping, preparing a meal, even walking the dog, arrange transport for appointments or a lift to Holy Mass. This is a voluntary group but can be very rewarding and it would be lovely to have more people on board. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact Rosemarie Duncan on 01572 723873.

**Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders** If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Many thanks for your ongoing support.

**Book of Remembrance** This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Please note:** Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph's Oakham RCP**. Thank you.